

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 4996–5016; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 89–90; and H. Res. 694–695, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4293, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to ensure that retirement investors receive advice in their best interests, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–511);

H.R. 4294, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that retirement investors receive advice in their best interests and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–512, Part 1); and

H.R. 4294, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that retirement investors receive advice in their best interests, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–512, Part 2).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend John DeSocio, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elmira, New York.

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IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 4885, to require that user fees collected by the Internal Revenue Service be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 161.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–50 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Page H1863**

H. Res. 687, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1206) and (H.R. 4885) was agreed to yesterday, April 19th.

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 1206 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act: The House passed H.R. 1206, to prohibit the hiring of additional Internal Revenue Service employees until the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that no employee of the Internal Revenue Service has a seriously delinquent tax debt, by a recorded vote of 254 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 160.

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Rejected the Kildee motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 177 yeas to 245 nays, Roll No. 159.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–47 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Page H1868**

H. Res. 687, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1206) and (H.R. 4885) was agreed to yesterday, April 19th.

Recess: The House recessed at 2:18 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 21.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H1863.

Senate Referral: S. 2755 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1875, H1875–76, and H1876–77. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a markup on the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

2017. H.R. 4909 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. H.R. 4909 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. H.R. 4909 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, held a joint hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budget”. Testimony was heard from the following Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials: Stephen Burns, Chairman; Jeff Baran, Commissioner; William Ostendorff, Commissioner; and Kristine Svinicki, Commissioner.

THE PRICING OF FETAL TISSUE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce held a hearing entitled “The Pricing of Fetal Tissue”. Testimony was heard from Senators Shaheen and Sasse; and public witnesses.

HOW SECURE ARE U.S. BIORESEARCH LABS? PREVENTING THE NEXT SAFETY LAPSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “How Secure Are U.S. Bioresearch Labs? Preventing the Next Safety Lapse”. Testimony was heard from Major General Brian C. Lein, Commanding General, Department of Defense; Steve Monroe, Associate Director for Laboratory Science and Safety, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; John Neumann, Director, Government Accountability Office; Segaran Pillai, Director, Food and Drug Administration; and Lawrence A. Tabak, Principal Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 4978, the “Nurturing and Supporting Healthy Babies Act”; H.R. 4641, to provide for the establishment of an inter-

agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and for other purposes; H.R. 3680, the “Co-Prescribing to Reduce Overdoses Act of 2015”; H.R. 3691, the “Improving Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Act”; H.R. 1818, the “Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act”; the “Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act”; H.R. 3250, the “DXM Abuse Prevention Act”; H.R. 4969, the “John Thomas Decker Act of 2016”; H.R. 4586, “Lali’s Law”; H.R. 4599, the “Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016”; H.R. 4976, the “Opioid Review Modernization Act”; and the “Examining Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Act of 2016”. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 4641, H.R. 3680, H.R. 4969, H.R. 4586, H.R. 4599, and the “Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act”. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 4978, H.R. 3691, H.R. 1818, H.R. 3250, H.R. 4976, and the “Examining Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Act of 2016”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1150, the “Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2015”; H.R. 3694, the “Strategy to Oppose Predatory Organ Trafficking Act”; H.R. 4939, the “United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016”; H. Con. Res. 88, reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations; and S. 2143, to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1150, H.R. 3694, and H. Con. Res. 88. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4939 and S. 2143.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on S. 1890, the “Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016”; S. 125, the “Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015”; H.R. 3380, the “Transnational Drug Trafficking Act of 2015”; and H.R. 4985, to amend the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act to protect classified information in Federal court challenges. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: S. 1890, S. 125, H.R. 3380, and H.R. 4985.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1869, the “Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2015”; H.R. 2993, the “Water Recycling Acceleration Act of 2015”; and H.R. 4582, the “Save Our Salmon (SOS) Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gosar and Matsui; Tom Iseman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Water and Science, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EXPLORING CURRENT NATURAL RESOURCE RESEARCH EFFORTS AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICA’S LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Exploring Current Natural Resource Research Efforts and the Future of America’s Land-Grant Colleges and Universities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY DETECTION, RESPONSE, AND MITIGATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology held a hearing entitled “Federal Cybersecurity Detection, Response, and Mitigation”. Testimony was heard from Sanjeev Bhagowalia, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Systems and Chief Information Officer, Department of the Treasury; Steven C. Taylor, Chief Information Officer, Department of State; Andy Ozment, Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

BARRIERS TO ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT DELISTING, PART I

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing entitled “Barriers to Endangered Species Act Delisting, Part I”. Testimony was heard from Joel Bousman, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Sublette County, Wyoming; and public witnesses.

AN OVERVIEW OF FUSION ENERGY SCIENCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “An Overview of Fusion Energy Science”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: HOW CYBER ATTACKS THREATEN BOTH

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Small Business and the Federal

Government: How Cyber-Attacks Threaten Both”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.R. 4957, to designate the Federal building located at 99 New York Avenue, N.E., in the District of Columbia as the “Ariel Rios Federal Building”; H.R. 4937, the “Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2016”; and H.R. 4231, to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4937 and H.R. 4231. H.R. 4957 was ordered reported, without amendment. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were approved.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 2460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans; H.R. 3956, the “VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act”; H.R. 3974, the “Grow Our Own Directive: Physician Assistant Employment and Education Act of 2015”; H.R. 3989, the “Support Our Military Caregivers Act”; draft legislation to ensure that each VA medical facility complies with requirements relating to scheduling veterans for health care appointments and to improve the uniform application of directives; and draft legislation to direct VA to establish a list of drugs that require an increased level of informed consent. Testimony was heard from Representatives Zeldin; Bost; Kuster; Stefanik; and Walorski; Maureen McCarthy, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF VETERANS PREFERENCE IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HIRING

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Review of Veterans Preference in Federal Government Hiring”. Testimony was heard from Michael H. Michaud, Assistant Secretary, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Carin M. Otero, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources Policy and Planning, Office of

Human Resources and Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Mark D. Reinhold, Associate Director for Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4923, the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016”. H.R. 4923 was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

TAX CODE COMPLEXITY AND THE ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax code complexity and the economy, after receiving testimony from Arthur B. Laffer, Laffer Associates, Nashville, Tennessee; Scott A. Hodge, Tax Foundation, and Jared Bernstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Joe Grossbauer, GGNET Technologies, Chesterton, Indiana, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D355)

S. 192, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965. Signed on April 19, 2016. (Public Law 114–144)

S. 483, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse. Signed on April 19, 2016. (Public Law 114–145)

S. 2512, to expand the tropical disease product priority review voucher program to encourage treatments for Zika virus. Signed on April 19, 2016. (Public Law 114–146)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for commerce, justice, science, and related agencies, and proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for transportation, housing and urban development, and related agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and General Lori J. Robinson, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and

to be Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 1167, to modify the boundaries of the Pole Creek Wilderness, the Owyhee River Wilderness, and the North Fork Owyhee Wilderness and to authorize the continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock monitoring, herding, and grazing in certain wilderness areas in the State of Idaho, S. 1423, to designate certain Federal lands in California as wilderness, S. 1510, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1699, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, S. 1777, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, S. 2018, to convey, without consideration, the reversionary interests of the United States in and to certain non-Federal land in Glennallen, Alaska, S. 2223, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, S. 2379, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City, and S. 2383, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Utah from all forms of public appropriation, to provide for the shared management of the withdrawn land by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Air Force to facilitate enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, enhance public safety, and provide for continued public access to the withdrawn land, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine enabling advanced reactors, including S. 2795, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy, 9:45 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 9:15 a.m., SD–342.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on Intelligence Community, 10 a.m., H–405 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.